

WILLIAM EDDY.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 460.]

MARCH 23, 1860.

Mr. F. W. KELLOGG, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William Eddy, report:*

That they have examined the proofs in the case, and find that the petitioner enlisted in the service of the United States in March, 1814, to serve during the war of 1812, under Ensign Nathaniel Hinckley, in the 2d regiment of United States infantry, and that he served faithfully on the Niagara frontier, was at the assault upon Fort Erie, and was honorably discharged by Captain Ira Drew, at Sackett's Harbor, in May, 1815, having served out his time. These facts are proved by the affidavit of Ensign Nathaniel Hinckley, who also testifies that the petitioner, towards the close of the war, was promoted to and served as orderly sergeant. It also appears that while in the campaign on the Niagara frontier, in November, 1814, he contracted a severe cold, which became seated on his lungs, and rendered him unfit for duty a portion of the time; that while in the act of coughing he ruptured himself, and has been obliged ever since to wear a truss; that he is sober and temperate, is now over 66 years of age, and on account of these disabilities received while in the line of his duty is totally disabled and prevented from obtaining a livelihood by manual labor. He made application to the Pension department for a pension, which was refused, on the ground that in the petitioner's application he states that his disability was contracted in November, 1815, and that he was discharged in May, 1815, which was a mistake; the former should have been 1814, and was so written in Ensign Hinckley's affidavit and in the other papers, and is so written in his present application before us. Your committee recommend that he be allowed a pension at half the usual pay of an orderly sergeant, and have reported a bill accordingly.

